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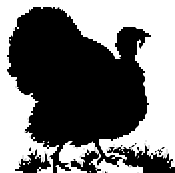
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to weak. Demand remains inactive. No trading was reported. Offerings of whole birds were light to moderate. Bulk parts and meats trading was very slow. Offerings are moderate. Buyers are cautious and selective and sellers unwilling to take lower bids.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was inactive. Demand was light with limited interest noted from Mexico, China and Hong Kong. Offerings were light to moderate.

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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 DECEMBER 2004.

Market activity was light. Offerings and demand were slow to surface coming out of the holiday weekend but expected to improve later in the week. Scattered inquiry noted on institutional breasts. Export trading centered on fresh tom breast meat at 210, fresh tom drums at 39 and fresh thigh meat at open prices.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	150.80	100
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	40.00	16
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	39.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	49.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	53.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	56.00	88
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		R	29.00	2
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	180.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		M	209.72	116
THIGH MEAT		W	86.00	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	91.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	139.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	176.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	192.75	57
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	100.00	12
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		R	19.00	20

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	R	39.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS			
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM			
TAILS			
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	R	18.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	R	84.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-74

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

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Offerings and inquiries were very light with holiday schedules a continuing factor. Supplies of bulk meats and parts were fairly balanced. Buyers were reluctant to add to year-end inventories and sellers were unwilling to discount product. Activity in export markets centered on inquiries for drums to the border.

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/22/04

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		CUMULATIVE	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE	BREEDS
2003-2004	9,606	144,198	144,198
2002-2003	1,811	125,037	125,037

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